reduces the rate limit based on a decrease function, $r_{new}=r_{dec}(r)$ on receipt of a feedback congestion [[flag,.]] flag.

wl 12-11-10 Please replace the paragraph at page 9, lines 3-~~5~~6, with the following:

The fast increase multiplicative decrease (FIMD) source response function uses a multiplicative rate decrease function is adopted. Such is the same decrease function used by the traditional additive increase multiplicative decrease (AIMD) function, $f_{dec}(r)=Max\ (r/m, R_{min})$, where $m>1$ is constant

Please replace the paragraph at page 9, lines 15-23, with the following:

FIG. 3 represents a procedure 300 used by an FIMD source response mechanism. A flow source end-device or node increases and decreases a flow's rate limit in response to congestion feedback. Procedure 300 reads and writes the value of a state variable "crt". Such records the current rate limit setting for a flow. In a hardware implementation of the source response mechanism, the "crt" variable may be implemented as a hardware register. Another procedure at the source end-device reads the value of "crt" and prevents datapackets for the flow from being injected into the network at a higher rate than the value of crt specifies. In a step 304, an ACK datapacket just received is checked to see if it is marked.

Please replace the paragraph at page 9, lines 24-28, with the following:

A marked ACK datapacket indicates congestion, so the source reduces the rate limit "crt" by a multiplicative constant, $m>1$ at step 306. In a step 308, an updated rate "r" is then checked against the minimum injection rate R_{min}. If the new